


SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appln. No. 10/023,796

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at his Washington telephone number on any questions which might arise.

Respectfully submitted,

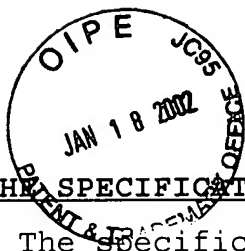


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A P P E N D I X

Marked-up Version of Changes

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is amended as follows:

Page 9, lines 6-21, are amended as follows:

"It is preferred that the tea or the other natural material is added to a food product in the form of powder. The incorporation of manganese due to bacteria is facilitated if the [magnesium] manganese source is a powder. The pulverization is conducted by extracting a natural material with water and/or water-miscible organic solvent (e.g. alcohols such as ethyl alcohol, etc.) and then with an organic solvent which is in-miscible to water (e.g. chloroform, ethyl acetate, butanol, etc.) to separate into an organic phase and an aqueous phase, recovering a dissolved solid content from the aqueous phase, followed by drying. Further, a solid content may also be recovered from a solution extracted with water and/or water-miscible organic solvent and then pulverized. Furthermore, an aqueous solution prepared by extracting the natural material with water may be added without pulverizing, or the pulverized product of the natural material may be added as it is."

Page 23, line 6, are amended as follows:

"It has been known that the neutrophil produces active oxygen so as to detoxify foreign materials and bacteria in the living body. Particularly, the neutrophil has a dimutated system of hydrogen peroxide which is referred to as "MPO", thereby producing perchloric acid or [monochlor amine] monochloramine having high cytotoxicity. At the time of the

excessive reaction, the transudation of the neutrophil to the exterior of [the neutrophil] MPO is confirmed and it is considered to be one factor to cause the disorder of the biomembrane. There is also a report that the infiltration of neutrophil is connected with its crisis mechanism in indomethacin-induced gastric ulcer and hydrogen peroxide-induced gastric mucosal lesions."